

5.0 CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION

This section identifies those individuals who either provided, prepared, or participated in the exchange of information used in this EIS/EIR for the Desert Southwest Transmission Line Project. Individuals are identified by name and affiliation.

5.1 Bureau of Land Management Team

Name	Position/Title
Palm Springs – South Coast Field Office	
John Kalish	Project Manager/Supervisor
Diane Gomez	Assistant Project Manager/Reality Specialist
Wanda Raschkow	Archeologist
Anna Atkinson	Outdoor Recreation Planner
Jim Foote	Outdoor Recreation Planner
Joel Schultz	Wildlife Biologist

5.2 Imperial Irrigation District

Name	Position/Title
Ed Collins	Environmental Resources Specialist/Environmental Compliance Section General Services Department
Joel F. Lopez	Project Management Section General Services Department/Project Coordinator
Gary Cooper	Engineering Civil/Transmission Section Power Department/Senior Engineer
Michel D. Remington	Supervisor/Environmental Compliance Section General Services Department
Eddie Lutz	Project Management Section General Services Department/Senior Project Manager

5.3 Boyle Engineering

Name	Position/Title
Gordon Bachlund	Project Manager/Engineering

5.4 Proctor Engineering Services

Name	Position/Title
Douglas O. Proctor	Transmission Engineer

5.5 Cooperating Agency

Name	Position/Title
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	
Matt McDonald	U.S. Fish & Wildlife Biologist
Chris Otahal	U.S. Fish & Wildlife Biologist

5.6 Public Involvement

5.6.1 NEPA Scoping

The scoping process for the Proposed Action was designed to solicit input from the public; from federal, state, and local agencies; and from other interested parties on the scope of issues that should be addressed in the Draft EIS/EIR. The scoping process is also intended to identify significant issues related to the Proposed Action.

Since the publication of the first Notice of Intent (NOI), the name of the proposal has been changed to the California Desert Southwest Transmission Project. Publication of the Draft and Final EIS will be under that name. In addition, the Proposed Project and alternatives has been revised to address comments and concerns raised during the scoping process. The scoping process for the Proposed Action is described below.

A Revised NOI describing the Proposed Action and IID's modified Proposed Project was published in the Federal Register on Tuesday, August 13, 2002 (Volume 67, Number 156, pages 52737-52738) announcing the preparation a joint EIS/EIR addressing a proposed 230kV or 500kV transmission line project and possible CDCA Plan Amendment. In accordance with NEPA, a 30-day comment period was provided for the NOI. Two public scoping meetings were held on the following dates: 1) August 14, from 7-9 p.m., at the Blythe City Council Multipurpose Room, Blythe, California; and 2) August 15, from 7-9 p.m., at the IID Board Room, La Quinta, California. A copy of the Revised NOI is provided in Appendix A. Comments received in response to the NOI are provided in Appendix B.

A NOI was published in the Federal Register on Monday, March 26, 2001, (Volume 66, Number 58, pages 16485-16486) announcing the preparation of a CDCA Plan Amendment and EIS for the IID's Proposed New 230-kV "BN-BS" Transmission Line Project. Two public scoping meetings were held on the following dates: 1) March 28, from 7-10 p.m., at the IID Board Room, La Quinta, CA, and 2) March 29, from 7-10 p.m., at the Blythe City Council Multipurpose Room, Blythe, CA. A copy of the NOI is provided in Appendix C. Comments received in response to the NOI are provided in Appendix D.

5.6.2 CEQA Notification

For the IID's Proposed 230-kV "BN-BS" Transmission Line Project a Notice of Preparation (NOP) was sent to the State Clearinghouse and noticed for public and agency review on Tuesday, April 24, 2001 (SCH #2001041105). Since the publication of the NOP, the name of the proposal has been changed to the Desert Southwest Transmission Project. Publication of the

Draft and Final EIR will be under that name. In addition, the Proposed Project has been revised to address comments and concerns raised during the scoping process. A copy of the NOP is provided in Appendix C. Comments received in response to the NOP are provided in Appendix D.

As discussed above, IID subsequently modified its Proposed Project and issued a Revised NOP on July 31, 2002. In accordance with CEQA, a 30-day comment period on the Revised NOP was provided. A copy of the Revised NOP is provided in Appendix A. Comments received in response to the NOP are provided in Appendix B.

5.6.3 Agency Coordination

The BLM and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) have coordinated with IID representatives throughout the process of collecting information for this environmental analysis.

5.7 Draft EIS/EIR Distribution

The following list identifies the agencies, organizations and private individuals that will be sent a copy of the Draft EIS/EIR or a Notice of Availability of the Draft EIS/EIR.

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